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Totomoi inductees Jeffrey Buntin, Walter Southwood, Taylor Mayes, Cabot Hyde, and Babu Paruchuri.

## Totomoi Inducts Five Seniors

from Staff Reports

On April 5, Totomoi, MBA's honorary fraternity, inducted five new seniors. Last year's junior inductees, Luke Davis and Casey Jones, honored Jeffery Buntin, Cabot Hyde, Taylor Mayes, Walter Southwood, and Babu Paruchuri for

their outstanding accomplishments as dedicated, loyal students of Montgomery Bell Academy.

Each of the five seniors has exhibited, in the eyes of the faculty, excellence in at least three of the following areas: scholastics, athletics, student government, organizations, forensics, and dra-

matics, and publications and other extra-curricular activities.

Totomoi inducts not only students but also faculty and community members who have exhibited outstanding dedication and overall loyalty to MBA and its high standards of conduct and performance.

## Mock Trial Teams Win City

by Babu Paruchuri  
Business Editor  
and Behdad Shahsavari  
writer

The MBA mock trial team has once again proven its dominance in mock trial competition in the Nashville area. The team captured its second city championship in three years and qualified for the state championship for the third

straight year.

The team began practice nearly two months ago and held numerous practice trials before the actual competition. This year, the case involved a woman who has filed a complaint of sexual harassment against her employer who, in her view, took no appropriate action to stop the alleged harassment by a co-worker. The red team con-

sisted of plaintiff attorneys James Nash and John Butler and defense attorneys David Mason and Babu Paruchuri. The red team witnesses were Garrett Kyle, Jim Morehead, Scott Hande, Behdad Shahsavari, Todd Foust, and Alan Hassler. The white team consisted of attorneys Breen Frazier, Wally Jones, Greg Parker, and Andrew Fitzgerald. White team witnesses were Paul Devgan, Shad Weaver, Brian Bleeker, Brooks Martin, Kavi Bhagat. See Mock Trial pg. 2

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## Recycle, MBA

by Julian Bibb  
staff writer

Throughout the year, a recycling crew has been working at school to collect all used paper and cardboard to take to recycling bins in an effort to conserve the amount of waste MBA sends to the landfill. Every other week, the crew, headed by sophomore Flagg Youngblood, collects the paper from many boxes located in almost every room on campus.

Recycling crew members include Julian Bibb, Glen Gaston, Bartley McGeehee, John Arendale, Frazer Buntin, Baker Eadie, Mark Fuqua, Mike Gavigan, Brandon Hughes, Bradon Hulette, Peter Stahl, Jim Uden, and Ward Waltemath. The paper and cardboard collected by

this merry band are driven by Flagg and Mr. Moxley, the faculty assistant, to BMI on Music Row where several bins are open to the public at no cost.

According to Flagg, "Every month a dumpster full of paper is collected." While the students take care of the paper and cardboard, the janitors collect the aluminum cans to turn in at other bins around town; however, because of the long drive to Music Row, Flagg and Mr. Moxley are looking for another place to take the trash. On that note, if anyone knows of another place that will accept paper products, Flagg and Mr. Moxley would surely appreciate that person's input on the matter.

Please find and use the designated recycling boxes around school!

## Juniors Tour Colleges

by Justin Crosslin  
staff writer

On March 15, a bus load of MBA and Harpeth Hall juniors and Mr. Wright left to see fourteen colleges in a mere six days. The students first visited Georgia Tech and ate at the Varsity, famous for being the largest fast food restaurant in the nation. During the week, the juniors visited Emory, Furman, Wofford, Davidson, Wake Forest, Duke, UNC, Hampden-Sydney, Richmond, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Hollins, and Roanoke.

Despite either sitting on a bus all day or taking tours of colleges, the students were able to enjoy the nights, which were often filled with fun. Almost each night there was a birthday party. Although Randy Tidwell's birthday was not until July, the students gave him a party anyway. All in all, there were five birthday celebrations.

The juniors felt that the trip was very beneficial. Experience indicates that seeing colleges in person often provides the prospective student with the best understanding of what four years on campus will be like.

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MBA Students Win at State  
Decathlon  
Held at APSU



Gold medalist in speech: Alex Rogers - photo from APSU students with A averages) went to gold medalist in speech Alex Rogers and silver medalist in fine arts John Wesley.

Clarksville, Tenn. - Students from Montgomery Bell Academy traveled to Austin Peay State University for the March 1-2 United States Academic Decathlon and walked away with 10th-place honors out of the some 20 area schools that participated.

Individual awards in the honor division (open to

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The following students have earned three or more credits and are now staff members: Julian Bibb, Mark Bittles, John Butler, John Crosslin, Justin Crosslin, Roe Elam, Scott Hande, Robert Howell, Trip McLaughlin, Jim Morehead, Shadie Murray, George Rietz, Earle Simmons, John Wallace, John Wesley, Jackson Wray, and Andrew Vahrenkamp.

### Reminder:

**Seniors' Last Wills and Testaments  
will be in the next (and final) issue!**

Paruchuri, and Brett Sanders.

At the city tournament, the white and red team both performed well, and in the end the red team from MBA swept eight of eight ballots at the city championship to crush rival Father Ryan once again. In the trials, the defense and plaintiff red team eliminated

two Father Ryan teams to reclaim the city championship.

The team is now preparing for the State tournament and hopes to improve on its state championship runner-up finish last year. If the team wins the state, it will qualify for the Nationals in New Orleans,

Louisiana.

The mock trial group would like to thank attorneys Lynn Robbins and Margaret Berry who have sacrificed many hours to work with the team. Addendum: The team finished second to Father Ryan in the state tournament.

## An Interview with Mr. Wright

by Sonny Heiser  
writer

*The Bell Ringer* recently had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Wright, MBA's college counselor.

*BR:* Could you please give a brief history of yourself? When and where were you born?

Mr. Wright: I was born on September 27, 1964 in Atlanta, Georgia.

*BR:* Where did you attend high school?

MW: I attended a fine public institution named Shamrock High School.

*BR:* Where did you go to college? Have you attended grad school?

MW: I went to Emory University in Atlanta for college. I have not attended graduate school as yet, but I plan to do graduate work at Vanderbilt University.

*BR:* What are your responsibilities at MBA?

MW: I am director of college counseling, a job which consumes most of my day, and I also teach one section of ninth grade English.

*BR:* Where did you work before arriving on the Hill?

MW: I worked at the McCallie School in Chattanooga before I came to MBA.

Before that, I worked in the admissions office at

Emory.

*BR:* Which school do like better: McCallie or MBA, and why?

MW: Oh! I definitely like MBA[better than McCallie]. I like being in a day

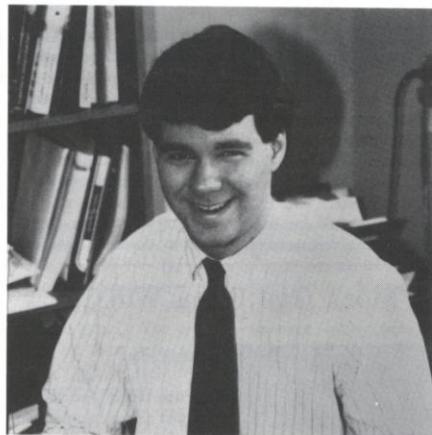
school atmosphere versus a boarding school atmosphere. I also like

Nashville a lot better than Chattanooga.

*BR:* Is there any special reason why you became a college counselor?

MW: My lack of college counseling in high school gives me a good perspective on the position. I had no college counseling and had a lot of options I didn't even know about.

I have more appreciation for what I do because of that.



MBA's college counselor Mr. Wright. photo by David Schenk

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## OPINIONS

## The New World Order: The Real Issues

*Note: The opinions expressed in this section do not necessarily represent the views of the staff of *The Bell Ringer**

by Behdad Shahsarvari  
writer  
and John Wesley  
staff writer

Concerning the radical and reactionary viewpoints established in the last article on this subject, the realists among us feel that a more reasonable view must be presented. The term New World Order (NWO) is not the utopia presumed in the last issue, but instead is a phrase used to encompass the newly arising spirit of freedom and democracy which began with the Czechoslovakian independence movement and is now continuing in the Kurdish revolution and Baltic uprisings.

The previous article, without defining the NWO, presented its problems. The first asserted fault was that good U.S.-Soviet relations are not now extant. Certainly our views on the Gulf Crisis (GC) were not the same, but that was merely a reflection of our opposing ideologies and not a sign of turmoil. Fundamentally, we agreed on most issues and now are both content to let the situation progress on its own. To assume that such a minor and transient lack of agreement indicates poor relations is naive.

Of the Baltic situation, the U.S. speaks in the same way as it did to Iraq in saying that internal turmoil is the business of the Soviets alone. This event too is a fleeting issue and its importance is overwhelmed by that of the independence movement in the U.S.S.R. which is accepted by Central Authority and goes much further toward strengthening political relations with the West.

The second supposed problem is that of uncertain trade relations with other countries. Whether or not it is due to an economic slump in the U.S. or to other political problems in relation to other countries is never explained; however, if the U.S. recession was mentioned, it is a worldwide situation and clearly is neither a unique nor crippling handicap. Instead, the recession provides a great opportunity for the establishing of new

trade relations and partnerships in a period of economic downturn.

If the problem is friction with other countries, the current period is the best the U.S. has ever seen in terms of trade relations and favored nation status. New accords with Mexico, Czechoslovakia, and many parts of Europe including the newly united Germany mark a period of growth and opportunity on the horizon. Certainly, as far as American readiness and relations is concerned, the NWO is a very possible reality.

The Soviet action in the Baltics was addressed previously as interventionist and "reminiscent of days past," lines obviously referring to the military rule of Stalin; however, this is not the case. The Baltics are still a Soviet protectorate, and when riots and civil turmoil occurred, the Soviet show of force was, strictly speaking, legal. That the action was controversial and strategically timed is not in question, but its relative smallness in comparison to real issues is obvious now, months later, that the uprising is all but forgotten. The so-called Hardliner Revival is essentially a non-issue and has not come about because of the crackdown. Gorbachev is firmly in charge and powerfully backed as a leader in peace and as a man protecting his people at the cost of unity.

The facade of a Soviet whole has been let down by Gorbachev, who has given full cooperation to the wishes of the now independent republics.

Russia is no longer a centralized communist state, but instead a more diversified Republic as close to democracy as it can get, with individual states and a president overseeing. In fact, Gorbachev himself has called a congress of the independent states to vote on the future of the union.

True, U.S.-Soviet tensions are not over, but there is also no evidence of a cold war revisited. That the Soviet economy runs on military spending is a fallacy supported by the ignorant Western stereotype of the "Reds." In truth, Gorbachev's reforms

have supported great cuts in military spending, a fact readily apparent in the recent Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) arms treaty which eliminated all Soviet forces beyond the Urals. Additionally, even the Soviet "Warhawks" have neither the support nor the resources to fund an arms race in their current state of economic downturn.

The U.S., also, is not about to initiate a massive arms buildup. True, the Persian Gulf War did prove the effectiveness of the next generation's smart weapons, but the armed forces themselves do not favor a large-scale weapons buildup. They are moving towards more effective battle training and a smaller number of total forces. They desire not so much a mass of troops, but rather better-trained and well-armed soldiers.

Also in light of recent public unrest concerning the size of the deficit and the lack of public spending, the funds previously allocated for military spending will shrink. Lastly, even if an arms race were to ensue, the new technological developments would improve the competitiveness and standing of the United States, relative to international trade.

As to trading blocs, it is extremely unlikely that the EEC, Japan, or any other economic entity would take protectionist measures against the United States. Economies are mutually dependent and greatly intertwined, so that any protectionist measure would be devastating to all involved. In fact, given their dependence on the United States as a food producer and exporter of goods, not to mention consumerism, it would be sheer idiocy to entertain the fantasy of trading blocs or of retaliation. In fact, no country would be so foolish as to enter a trade war with the United States, as they could match us neither economically nor militarily.

Trade sanctions against the Soviets are mentioned in the article in question. This idea is an absolutely false assumption. The U.S. is not

about to initiate a trade dispute with the Soviets. In fact, we are currently sending aid to the Soviets to help them out of their current crisis (not to mention the money they are receiving from other countries); it is not in our interests to destabilize them. Also mentioned was that the U.S. might stall relations to withdraw. What is this? Withdraw from what, the Baltics? No, contrary to popular opinion, Russia is not in Canada's place, and the Baltics are not one of the fifty states. The Baltics are gone, even though the Soviets still have protectorship over the region. Why would the U.S. want to worsen relations with the Soviets? How could this happen if relations are already bad, as indicated in the article referred to previously? No, we think a more sane approach is to better relations in times of crisis and to be more cooperative to foster problem solving. We would not "stall" to be seen as an instigator; what would we "stall" about?

Despite the allegations of the wonders of free trade mentioned earlier, this is a delusion at best. First, just because a GATT accord was not reached in Uruguay does not mean the system is gone. In fact, another round is to begin in the near future. Current practices are fine. A new system would take years to develop and merely introduce more possibilities for friction in discussions. The Third World can be added to GATT with ease; in fact, it could be admitted on a country-by-country basis. If necessary, these terms can be amended to GATT. Additionally, there is great opposition to free trade with Japan and the EEC. Unilateral American action for free trade would initiate trade frictions and bring the benefits crashing down on our heads in the form of a trade war. Due to factional Japanese anti-Americanism, any movement on our part would alienate them and be perceived as a threat. Japanese reprisals would be countered by Japan-bashing, escalating in conflagrational proportions. Also, other countries would not open their economies just because we did, but

would rather try to profit on American weakness, especially given anti-Western/American sentiments abounding in the Third World, and in even Japan. The fiction of unilateral free trade is supported by the facts of Japanese weighted and profit-motivated trade.

How can arms control be beneficial or possible? Given the CFE already negotiated and START on its way, what more can we ask for? As for mutual verifiability, this would only add another element of mistrust and potential for conflict. There is no better agreement than START, as neither country would be able to agree on a more comprehensive treaty. Given the time and effort already given to START, how can we trash it in hopes of a new agreement? To avoid tensions now that might result from further, more complicated, bilaterally-negotiated agreements, a unilateral initiative would be preferable. Whether to destroy a few weapons, stop the development of new weapons, or just take initiative in other areas such as providing assistance and aid, unilateral actions such as these, which bypass negotiations and which are exempt from the complicated issues of verification, would be preferable in the given circumstances, and would foster trust in current relationships.

We must take advantage of this calm eye of the storm to protect ourselves and to ensure the safety of the world. The way to add to this safety is in small and established steps. We must take the imperfections as they are, and strengthen as we go along. To try to perfect every agreement and relationship now is a commonly held misconception. Such thoughts can only jeopardize and delay, perhaps for decades, the coveted opportunity we have now.

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Subliminal messages are dangerous

## Re-elect No One: The State of the American Oligarchy

by Robert Howell  
staff writer

Although there are few important elections arising in the immediate future, a problem that has existed in our government should be addressed. This is the problem that exists in the fundamentals of our governmental approach: the elections.

At the present time, our government consists of professional politicians. Many of these politicians have never had any line of work outside of the political domain (unless, of course, they are actors.) Within this group of professionals controlling our country, there exists a certain hierarchy. Often, the first step is law school, or a low government position. The next move is politics on the local or state level: governor, mayor, or congressman. Among the last steps is U.S. congressperson. The people who reach this stage are often real professionals who have made their life's works politics. It is the existence of these professionals that leads to the problem.

Before I note the differences between our country

and a democracy, the ideal democracy should be described. The directly democratic government consists of representatives from the civilian sector, so the people rule themselves. When representatives are elected, their terms in office are temporary and usually short so that as large a part of the population as possible can aid in governing. Another mechanism that is utilized is the referendum. On certain issues, the public is asked to vote and determine the outcome. This example is the epitome of direct democracy. It is obvious that our form of government does not adhere to this outline.

Our government actually follows more in the form of an oligarchy: a government ruled by a small number of people. The most outstanding example of this idea is the fact that politicians are not a part of the civilian sector. They have become professionals and have spent their lives in the shelter of their governmental positions. In addition, their terms are unlimited. A small group of people continue to rule the country for a generation. Encumbants also have a huge advantage in the

re-election process. Not only do they have more money for their campaigns, but they are automatically more well known, and unless there has been a prodigious blunder attributed them, people assume they did a good job; hence, their election rate is huge. Encumbants also have a platform to make up for their errors. They can merely make highly publicized moves that smile upon the public just before elections to make up for less publicized mistakes.

Many may say that perhaps the congressmen are correct: there is no need to change regardless of the name of the government. This fact is not true, because of several harms that this system is causing in our country. Since congressmen are not part of the civilian populous, they do not have to suffer the ramifications of many of their acts. Hence, immune elites enforce rules on the masses. Also, since such an amazingly small part of the populous is involved in the ruling of our country over very long periods of time, they tend to make laws enforcing morals or traditions that their class believes in, while not necessarily

representing the middle or lower classes. In these ways and more, the American oligarchy causes a direct decrease in rights.

A perfect example of the oligarchy in motion is seen in the recent congressional payroll increase. This raise perpetuated the professional status of the congressmen and separated them further from the civilians. Also, the fact that the congress can determine their own payroll just proves that congressmen do not have to live with ramifications of higher cost of living, or economic decisions, because they can merely raise their own pay.

A solution to this problem would be a lack of the re-election of governmental representatives. This action would inherently increase the number of representatives from the population, and it would give other classes a chance to voice and act upon their own opinions. This idea would also be an effective hedge against professional politicians. People could no longer spend their lives in governmentally cushioned seats, and they would have to begin dealing with the ramifications of their actions. This would undoubtably increase the wariness of their decisions. In addition, it would prevent smiley face moves at the end of terms. At this point, they could consistently rule honestly.

Criticism for such a system suggests that a single term is not enough to learn the rules of the game, and so good work would never be done. I cannot imagine people needing an entire term to adjust to office. There is no reason why this should inhibit the decision making process. Complaints also exist saying that bureaucracy would be thickened and increased. Certainly pauses for elections and time to evaluate political ramifications of silly smiley face moves are much more time consuming and bureaucratic.

Finally, even if problems do emerge, this should not matter. If we wanted a quick, determined, and efficient government, we would have a dictatorship. What is important is democracy and the rights of our people.

We should let nothing get in the way of these goals.

## End the Needless Cycle: Examine Yourself

by De Thompson  
writer

As I approach the final stages of my high school career here on the Hill, I consider the variety of experiences which I have encountered. Most of these experiences have been positive; on the other hand, some of my experiences have not been so appealing.

In a recent newsletter sent to the MBA parents, the school reported that 90 percent of the seniors drink and over 50 percent of the seniors drink to become inebriated every weekend. Although I personally feel that the senior class has been sadly misevaluated by the faculty and staff, I do believe that there is a lesson to be learned for all those individuals who

do choose to drink. In my opinion, it is extremely important for each individual, regardless of his background, to evaluate his own actions in order to create a positive social order for himself.

Using my own observations as well as the knowledge which I have received from Dr. Niemeyer's English class, I believe that I

have formulated an accurate analysis of the proper use of drugs and alcohol for all individuals. Consistent use of drugs and alcohol will eventually lead to conflict with parents and/or the law.

The conflict that occurs

will inevitably cause pain and suffering for families involved as well as the individual. Often individuals who choose to drink have deep-rooted arguments with par-

"True knowledge of social responsibility cannot arise if an individual does not choose to face his inner self."

ents that can splinter relationships.

On an even more serious note, those who are under the legal drinking age and subsequently choose to drink may face criminal charges. Those

who have suffered such pain, however, can turn their experiences into valuable lessons if they choose to learn from their mistake.

One can only learn how to conduct oneself properly through pain, suffering, learning, and subsequent humility.

True knowledge of social responsibility cannot

arise if the individual does not choose to face his inner self. By constantly ignoring the drastic effects of alcohol abuse on both one's parents and self, an individual will certainly not accept his moral responsibility of behaving

properly, and will only find himself repeating the needless cycle of abuse, pain, and suffering yet again.

I would like to encourage each student at MBA to evaluate himself closely so that he might discover how he can achieve true social responsibility most efficiently.

To those who individuals who are constantly confronted with the previously mentioned "cycle," I would suggest an immediate course of action to remedy the situation.

Only by examining the actions of socially responsible citizens and by subsequently evaluating one's personal tendencies can one hope to obtain true knowledge and the facts about moral responsibility.

## ENTERTAINMENT



by Eric Greenwood  
Entertainment Editor

All of the legend that surrounds the mysterious career of The Doors can be attributed to lead vocalist Jim Morrison. Both Morrison's poetic lyrics and shocking stage presence provided The Doors with a rebellious image which ended upon Morrison's mysterious death of supposed heart failure because substance abuse. Many journalists and authors have worked to try to uncover the mystique that surrounds the late vocalist.

One respectable attempt is the biography entitled *No One Here Gets Out Alive* by Jerry Hopkins and Danny Sugerman. The most recent interpretation of Jim Morrison, however, is the new Oliver Stone film entitled *The*

*Doors*. Starring Val Kilmer as a convincing Morrison and Meg Ryan as Jim's girlfriend Pamela, the movie is filled with drug-inspired images and symbols which relate to eerie occurrences from Jim's childhood. The film also features Kyle MacLachlin (*Twin Peaks*) as The Door's keyboardist Ray Manzerek with guest appearances from Billy Idol and Crispen Glover, who plays Andy Warhol.

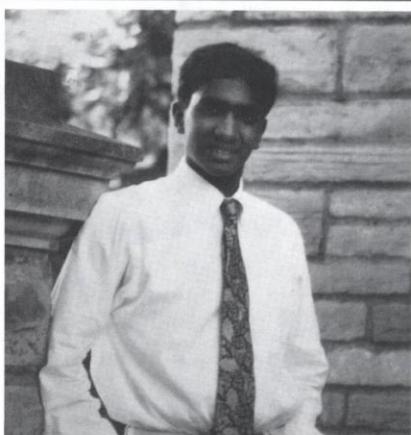
With emphasis on Jim's obsession with taking things to the extreme, the movie portrays Morrison from instances in his early childhood all the way to his death in Paris in 1971. The legend is not blown out of proportion by the film; in fact, the grim realism displayed comes across as depressing. Throughout the film, director

Oliver Stone foreshadows Jim's death by flashing the death scene across the screen during moments of high intensity.

The remaining Doors members who have seen the film think that Kilmer's resemblance to Morrison is "spooky". Val Kilmer actually sings all of the live parts in the film. His voice is deep and resonant like Morrison's, but the two should not be compared, even though Kilmer was offered a recording contract for his performance. The rest of the music in the movie consists of original Doors recordings, most of which can be heard on the soundtrack.

Included on the soundtrack are eight Doors classics including "When the Music's Over" and the oedipal epic "The End" as well as some bits of poetry Morrison recorded just before his death. Much of the intensity of the Doors' music is captured brilliantly on film with Kilmer inextricably interwoven with his role.

This film is obviously director Oliver Stone's dedication to Jim Morrison, whose impact is still as powerful as ever.



### Skipworth salutes Babu Paruchuri

*The Bell Ringer* apologizes to Babu, the faculty, and the rest of the student body for the confusion of Babu Paruchuri and Frank Bass in the last issue.

Narayan Babu Paruchuri has achieved great distinction in his four years on the Hill. As a member of the *Cum Laude* Society, co-editor of the *Archives*, co-business editor of *The Bell Ringer*, and a leading member of the varsity debate team, Babu has proven to be leader in various areas of MBA life.



EXCEPTIONAL  
PORTRAITURE

### The Rolling Stones: *Flashpoint*

by Greg Stuart  
writer

The Stones do it again! On April 2nd, the Rolling Stones released an album entitled *Flashpoint*, concert album which also includes two studio tracks from the 1989-1990 *Steel Wheels/Urban Jungle* World Tour.

Soon after the release of the single "Highwire," one of the two studio tracks, the British government denounced the song. In the tune, Mick Jagger criticizes not only Saddam Hussein but also the sending of troops to the Middle East by the Allied governments.

The Rolling Stones bring back famous hits such as "Start Me Up," "You Can't Always Get What You Want," "Brown Sugar," and "Sympathy for the Devil," and couples them with songs from the *Steel Wheels* album such as "Sad, Sad, Sad," "Rock and a Hard Place," and "Can't Be Seen." It is amazing how the stones can con-

tinue to rock n' roll with most members in their late forties and early fifties.

One highlight of the album is the "Little Red Rooster" track featuring Eric Clapton. Eric Clapton presents "a smokin'" lead that brings the crowd to their feet.

Recently, there was some talk of the Stones having disbanded. According to Keith Richards, Bill Wyman is the only member considering quitting. Whether he will or will not, no one knows; however, you can expect another Stones album followed by a tour by the end of next year.

Mick Jagger is also filming a movie with Emilio Estevez which is due out later this year, and Keith Richards is planning to record another solo album between now and the time when the Stones go back into the studio (probably sometime in January 1992.)

*Flashpoint* is definitely an album to pick up if you like great rock n' roll.

- R.E.M. -

### Out of Time

by Trip McLaughlin  
staff writer

After a two-and-a-half year break, R.E.M. has released its

tenth album entitled *Out of Time*. Going past politics to follow the memories, time, and love of R.E.M., this album is being called the most personal album to date. *Out of Time* uses multiple new musical devices (violins, harpsichords, horns, etc.). In addition, this album also brings in Kate Pierson from the B-52's and KRS-one to turn out a sound that only R.E.M. can produce.

R.E.M. has graduated from the college bands and has successfully lived please see R.E.M. on pg. 6

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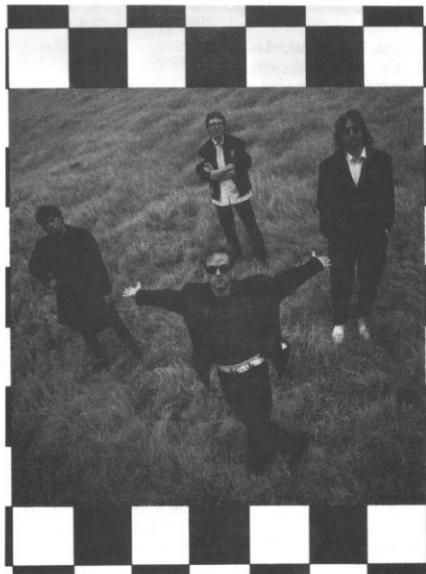
through the 1980's. The only band who might be able to compete with their success is U2. No longer will the airwaves be plagued with R.E.M. sound-alikes because *Out of Time* is a musical arrangement and sound that is completely original.

*Out of Time* contains songs that could be compared to the garage days of *Chronic Town* (the band's first album) and commercial songs like "Low" that are comparable to *Green* (the group's previous album). R.E.M.'s current album has the calming sound heard on *Fables* and the uplifting sound of *Life's Rich Pageant* or *Document*. It was rumored that Peter Buck only played the mandolin on the album; however, this accusation was only a rumour. Longtime R.E.M. fans will

find a new, unique style to this album because of the arrangement of instrumented singers. Kate Pierson's voice adds a zestful and exciting sound found in the B-52's songs to songs such as "Shiny Happy People" and "Country Feed-back."

From this album one can see that the garage days of R.E.M. are gone, but the rebellion towards the established rules of the music industry remain. There is definitely something different and exciting about *Out of Time* that causes it to appeal to many people.

We can only look forward to seeing if the group tours on this album, for it is rumored that a tour will not occur. If this rumor holds true, we must survive on the recorded sounds of R.E.M.



from Nite Garden Music  
Above (clockwise)

from left:  
R.E.M.  
members Mike  
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**GO BIG RED!!**

## Viewpoint:

## Do We Really Need Another League?

by Luke Davis

Sports Editor

It's springtime once again, and Tex says it's time for another season of football.

"Football," you say.

"Of course," Tex says, "have you forgotten the good old days when the USFL and the Arena Football League use to kick it off every week, March through July?"

"That's great," you say, "but what will you call it? I mean, all the adjectives like World and American and National and U.S., Tex, well, you know, they've already been used!"

"People don't remember the ones that failed," he says. "We'll just change the order, call it the World League of American Football. Play around the world to screaming Brits and Germans and Spaniards. Get all the washed up players, teach 'em a couple of plays, pay 'em peanuts—a kind of pro minor league."

"Tex," you say, "I don't want to tread on your turf, so to speak, but do you think people will come see you guys play after six months of football have just finished? I mean some people want to watch the NBA or baseball in the majors and minors and Little League or golf or chess or swimming or gymnastics or the Stanley Cup Playoffs or the Continental/World basketball leagues. I mean, I don't know, Tex, do you think you're being a little hasty?"

You watch him remove his hat to smooth his hair. He scoots forward with wild eyes, as if he's explaining something to some kind of idiot.

"I'm never hasty when it

comes to making a deal," he tells you. "Sports fever is on the rise—new shows, newspapers, the works! So what if the players aren't that great? The Europeans don't know the difference, and neither will Americans. Besides, they'll go crazy over our secret gimmick—the helmet cam. The fans see a few hits from the driver's seat, and the NFL's history."

"You're not thinking of an overthrow, are you, Tex?" you wonder. "And what about history? No sport has ever succeeded outside its natural season. And those papers, haven't you heard, they're losing millions. People are tired of having sports and big salaries and televised games shoved down their throats like a day-old

chili dog. They want a break. They want amateurs. Look at Nashville, for instance. Politicians and businessmen tried to score a WLAF franchise for you, but the people said no. I don't blame them—I'd rather watch Joe Underwood and those Big Red Dawgs from MBA over the Sacramento Surge any old day."

"Just wait and see," he raves. "Why, history is for historians! This'll be the greatest thing since sliced bread..."

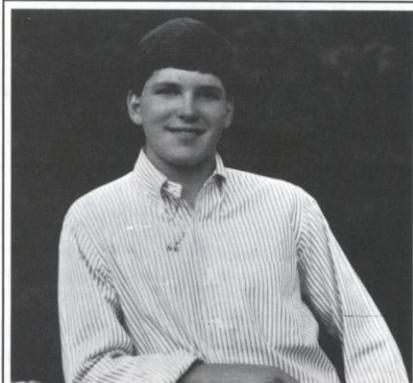
You shake your head and walk away, leaving him to his wild mutterings. Some people never learn, do they?

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## Skipworth salutes Frank Bass

Yes, this is the real Frank Bass.

Over the past four years at MBA, Frank Bass has achieved numerous distinctions in many areas of school life. Frank is regularly on the Privilege List and competes on the Varsity tennis team. In addition to his scholastic and athletic contributions, Frank served as one of two MBA delegates to Boys' State last year; currently, he holds the position of Vice President of the Honor Council.

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## Varsity Tracksters Continue to Roll

by Casey Jones  
Editor-in-Chief

Having claimed many victories over both local and out-of-town teams, the 1991 varsity track team is off to an explosive start. With fine senior leadership combined with outstanding underclass support in all areas of competition, the Big Red is rolling over most of its rivals.

In the first meet against Oak Ridge and Hunters Lane, the Big Red, though losing to Oak Ridge by 22 points, defeated Hunters Lane and, in doing so, proved its strength in many areas. After the pre-season loss of Robert Echols to an early injury, the team had to rely on junior pole vaulters Carter Baker and Matt Inman and senior Martin

Jones for vaulting power. Baker and Inman both vaulted 11 feet and Jones vaulted 10 feet to give MBA a 1-2-3 finish. In the throwing events, seniors Jeff Buntin, Adin Lara, Graham McRedmond, Matt Poe, and sophomore Shannon Durrett lead the team while seniors Brian Norment, Alex Waddey, John Dunkerley and sophomore Austin Koon lead the high and long jumps. Casey Jones won both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, and the 4 X 800 meter relay team of Keith Ikard, David Wyckoff, Ray Brooks, and Roy Alley claimed victory as well.

In the next meet against traditional city rival Overton, the defending state team champion, the Big Red hoped to defeat the Bobcats in this

dual meet, a feat never before accomplished by an MBA team. By scoring well in almost every event, MBA defeated Overton 76-61. In the field events, outstanding performances were turned in by Alex Waddey in the high jump, Brian Norment in the long jump, Adin Lara in the discus, and Matt Inman and Carter Baker in the pole vault. In the running events, Waddey won the 110 high hurdles, the 100 meter dash, and the 300 intermediate hurdles. In addition, Roy Alley ran a personal best time of 9:58.0 in the 3200.

Though the Big Red was unable to come away with the win, MBA did claim third place in the highly competitive Mid-South Track Classic at McCallie on April 6. Victories for the Big Red included Alex Waddey in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.1 and the 4 x 800 relay team of Keith Ikard, Ray Brooks, Roy Alley, and Casey Jones with a time of 8:16. In addition, Waddey placed a close second in the 300 intermediate hurdles and the high jump. Keith Ikard also placed second in the 3200 meters with a time of 9:49.8.

The next meet was the eagerly awaited annual competition against Hillsboro at Harpeth Hall. MBA totally dominated the field winning 99-35 behind strong field event performances from both seniors and underclassmen as well as fine sprint, distance, and relay times. All the sprint relays (4 x 100, 4 x 200, and 4 x 400) comprised in various combinations of Carter Baker, Clay Trabue, Jarrett Bell, Brian Norment, Austin Koon, and Casey Jones claimed victory. Junior Justin Crosslin won the 1600, and sophomore throwers Andy Ward and Shannon

Durrett also garnered victories with throws of 42' 9 3/4 and 122' 3" in the shot put and discus respectively.

Against Maplewood and Glencliff, the Big Red tracksters again fared well by winning the meet by 34 points. Alex Waddey highlighted the meet by winning the long jump, 300 intermediate hurdles, and the 110 high hurdles, a race in which he set the school record of 14.4 seconds.

On April 20, the Big Red again dominated a field of about 20 teams by winning the Doug Hall Memorial Relays at MBA for the 2nd time in the five year history of the meet. The Big Red garnered 72 points to better Brentwood Academy's 67 points. Winning events were the high

jump team composed of Alex Waddey, John Inman, and Austin Koon; the long jump team of Alex Waddey, Brian Norment, and John Dunkerley; the 4 x 800 relay of Keith Ikard, Ray Brooks, Roy Alley, and Casey Jones; and the distance medley team (1200-400-800-1600) of Roy Alley, Alex Waddey, Casey Jones, and Keith Ikard, which set a new school record of 10:42, eclipsing the old record of 10:53. Finishing second was the 4 x 1600 team (George Rietz, David Wyckoff, John Crosslin, and Justin Crosslin) and the middle distance relay team (200-200-400-800) composed of Alex Waddey, Brian Norment, Robert West, and Casey Jones.

The team would appreciate any support in the weeks ahead.

## The Crappie Corner



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Mid-South Invitational 4 X 800 champs (from left): Keith Ikard, Ray Brooks, Casey Jones, and Roy Alley.

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by Malcolm Sewell  
and Hunter Connelly  
staff anglers

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Elam, also a fellow angler, says this: "Don't worry if you haven't been able to catch those big ol' cats you've always dreamed of because this warm weather is bringing 'em out." And he's right. We've had a lot of luck in the last couple of weeks pullin' in some big catfish.

So, for this article, here are a few tips given by some of our loyal followers. John Inman, a fellow angler, had only one thing to say: "Zebco 202, when you're out of town (rodless) and you see a good lookin' hole, go to your nearest Wall Mart and get a Zebco 202 & a couple of lures for under \$30."

After all, it's a rod, reel, and a line—just not quite as nice as some other brands. Roe

Jim Dismukes says, "Don't get caught in barbed wire," which is probably the most useful advice given all year. Well, maybe these pieces of advice will answer the questions we haven't been able to; and if you've got anything you want to say, tell us and we'll print it.

We're always open for suggestions. From the Crappie Corner, good-bye & good-fishin'.

**Best of Luck to the 1991  
Varsity Baseball Team  
in their Quest for the State!**

-from a friend

## Varsity Baseball Escapes the Rain

by David Corts  
writer

MBA's 1991 Varsity Baseball team began its season on March 16 with its annual trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida for five days of intense training in hopes of returning to Nashville a fine-tuned squad of ball players. After arriving at the luxurious Ramada Inn located next door to the Expos' baseball facility the team experienced three days of rain. Despite the lack of playing time during the rainy days, the team began to develop a strong sense of unity.

As the rain rolled out, the Big Red rolled in and over a powerful Germantown team from Pennsylvania. Behind the pitching of Tom "Starsky" Carlton and with the help of Pat "Dice Man" Hale's shot to the right field wall, the team demolished Germantown. The Big Red returned home perhaps having done more bowing than ball-playing; nonetheless, their minds soon concentrated on the fierce district competition that lay ahead.

MBA attempted to have its season opener against Brentwood High at home, but, keeping in stride with their luck in Florida, they were rained out in the first inning. Hence, the Big Red was forced to open against a tough Overton team. R.A. Dickey pitched long into extra innings only to have the game called because of darkness. The team rescheduled the game for the very next day. Led by David Daniels' pitching, the defense held the Bobcats back as the MBA

offense took charge and drove in 5 runs. Brent Miller offered a homerun ball that was caught "by a centerfielder standing somewhere close to the distant Franklin Road. This time, the Big Red had put the game away before the sun went down to compile their first district win.

Soon after, the Big Red lost its next game to Goodpasture in a hard-fought battle highlighted by Tiger Harris' power in breaking his metal bat into two pieces. The Big Red attributes this loss to a poor defensive effort. Next, behind the pitching of R.A. Dickey, the team defeated Pearl-Cohn.

The following Saturday, MBA traveled to McCallie for a double-header, but the team lost both in extra innings to its strong opponent.

Finally, the Big Red really got its offense on track as the team blasted Hillsboro in five innings, 11-1. Daniels checked the Burros' hitting while the MBA offense was lead by Bryan "Stealth" Bleecker, Chris Vlahos, and Glenn "Snappy" Harris. Later that night, the team defeated Brentwood High despite a questionable umpire who, according to the police, seemed slightly inebriated after the game.

The Big Red has a powerful and experienced team this year, and, with the right support from the crowd, MBA can set its sights on a district championship.

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## Andy Russ, Soccer Team Claim Great Records

by Scott Hande  
staff writer

The MBA soccer team has competed quite successfully this season. With a solid record, the team is looking toward post season play with great enthusiasm.

The Big Red soccer season started on a high note early in March with a decisive 2-0 victory over state runner-up Hendersonville in the pre-season. Encouraged by this result, MBA rolled into Memphis over spring break to take Memphis Harding and Bartlett 6-2 and 5-4, respectively. MBA had lost its entire defensive unit, save sophomore Sean Murphy, to last year's graduation. Yet, by the first two games, Pat Hayes, Julian Bibb, J.T. Davenport, and Rob Welhoefer had emerged to give the Big Red solid defense.

In the next six games, the opposition would score only five times, twice being shut out. The offense was lead by Andy Russ, Andy Barrett, Justin Maestas, and Warren Connally with midfield support from Eric Greenwood, Craig Spengler, and Scott

Hande.

MBA proceeded to run up a 9-2-1 record, 3-0-1 in the district. The season has been highlighted by victories over Kirby and Farragut, as well as a school record five goal game by Andy Russ against Hillwood.

photo by David Schenk  
Senior Justin Maestas evades a BGA player.

## Lacrosse Team Off to Powerful Start

by Sonny Heiser  
writer

The Big Red lacrosse team is off to a powerful 3-1 start this spring. This year, the team is competing in the Tennessee Scholastic Lacrosse League along with teams from Germantown, Memphis University School, McCallie, Darlington(Ga.), Baylor, and the Nashville High School Team, which consists of students from Hillsboro, Hillwood, and Overton.

Members on the team include seniors Richard Fitzgerald, Jeff Lundstrom, Bryan Bobo, Bill Bryan, Spencer Leek, David Moroney, Scott Doolittle, and Jason Ritchason. Supporting

this cast of seniors are juniors Garrett Kyle, Michael Loftin, Sonny Heiser; sophomores Shawn Anderson, Alex Dean, Todd Counter; and freshmen Hugh Gaston and Tommy Brown.

The first game of the season was a disappointing scrimmage against Vanderbilt's team in which MBA lost 12-1. After some hard practice, however, the Big Red played well in its first league game. The players relieved some stress against the Nashville High School Team by hammering the local squad 12-2. The next game saw MBA defeat Darlington 11-2 at home.

The following weekend, the Big Red matched up

against McCallie. In a long, tough game, MBA battled the Chattanooga team closely only to see McCallie score two goals in the last two minutes. The Big Red lost 6-5.

During the weekend of April 6, the team travelled to Memphis to compete against Germantown. After battling to tie 4-4 at halftime, MBA played the second half perfectly and won the game 11-5. If any student wants to see some hard-hitting, fast-paced action, he just has to show up at the old football field behind West End Junior High for the next home game.

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